

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: ASSAY FOR IDENTIFYING COMPOUNDS  
WHICH AFFECT STABILITY OF MRNA

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Examiner: C. Qian  
**AFTER FINAL, EXPEDITED  
PROCEDURE**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated August 8, 2007 (Paper No. 20070731), for which a response is due on November 8, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.